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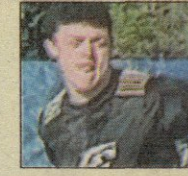
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First responders honored at New Brockton Town Council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The scene was something New Brockton Fire Chief Arnold Woodham said he had never experienced before as he described the evening of Thursday, Feb. 20, during Monday night's New Brockton Town Council meeting.

The scene was at a local pond where a fishing boat had capsized and two people had fallen into frigid 40-degree waters. When emergency personnel arrived on scene, Woodham said volunteer firefighters with the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department jumped to action. He said the first of those firefighters to arrive on scene enter the cold water themselves to try and save one man that was clinging to life on the overturned boat.

"He couldn't swim," Woodham said of the victim.

As the firefighters worked together, they would go under water at times with the victim who was fighting for safety, and then all would come back up. Eventually, those in the

water with the victim made it close enough to additional firefighters that had created a "lifeline" with their belts to help pull all to safety.

"These men could have lost their lives that night too," said Woodham. "Instead, they worked together and saved a life. Unfortunately, another life was lost, and we had to call for help from the Elba and Opp Fire Departments to recover the body of the other victim."

With use of boats from Elba and the dive team from Opp, the body was found and recovered in less than an hour.

Monday night of this week, the New Brockton Town Council expressed gratitude to those "first to arrive" firefighters and other first responders for their actions on Feb. 20th.

Mayor Charles Schieffer and the council members presented the firefighters with Certificates of Achievement for Outstanding Performance. He also made presentations to members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Office

that assisted that night.

Following the presentation from the mayor, New Brockton Fire Department officers also presented the firefighters each with an Award of Valor.

The award noted, "in the face of freezing waters and overwhelming odds, you displayed extraordinary bravery and selflessness, risking everything to save a life unknown to you."

Woodham said the bravery of these men would never be forgotten. The five firefighters recognized Monday night included Trent Woodham, Cody Reeves, Andy Lore, Rusty Locklar, and Brian Blair.

Following the presentation at New Brockton Town Hall, all those from fire departments involved in the Feb. 20th incident were thanked further by the New Brockton Fire Department with a meal served at the department.

In other business Monday night, the town council voted to pay a bill to Byrd's Electric for work completed at the youth baseball/softball fields to fix an electrical issue.



New Brockton Mayor Charles Schieffer (right) is shown presenting five firefighters from the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department with Certificates of Achievement for Outstanding Performance Monday night, March 3, for their efforts in helping to save a life Feb. 20, 2025 following a boating accident. The men were honored for displaying bravery as they worked together in frigid water to make the rescue. The firemen also received an Award of Valor from the New Brockton Fire Department as well during the meeting. The honored firefighters were (from left) Trent Woodham, Cody Reeves, Andy Lore, Rusty Locklar, and Brian Blair.

Elba Lions Club hosts annual Pancake Breakfast

The Elba Lions Club held its annual Pancake Breakfast last Saturday, March 1, in Elba. This event is held to help generate funds for the club to use to help fund vision projects locally each year. Reportedly, this year's event was a huge success.



Elba Lions Club members Cal Donnia Howard and Rodrick Caldwell are shown getting a fresh batch of pancakes ready during last Saturday's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. See more photos from the event on Page 2.

Elba Nursing & Rehab Royalty...



VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN...The residents and employees of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center last month voted on their 2025 Valentine's King and Queen. On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, Larry Thigpen was crowned King and Barbara Watson was crowned Queen. All also enjoyed a Valentine's Party to celebrate the occasion.



Elba's A'lyric Whitfield (pictured with her coaches), who was recently honored for scoring 2,000 points for the Elba Lady Tigers throughout her high school career, has received her first official college offer from Southern Union University to continue her basketball career.



The Elba Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a grass fire Tuesday afternoon, March 4, just prior to 4 p.m. on Putnam Street. The fire was in the basin of the storm drain that sits between Putnam and Simmons streets in Elba. Firefighters were able to get the blaze put out rather quickly, but as shown quite a bit of the land did burn before it was extinguished. Firefighters were unsure what may have caused the fire in this area, but there were high gusts of wind throughout the afternoon that most likely helped it spread quickly once ignited. Members of the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department also responded offering mutual aid for this grass fire. Shortly after this fire was extinguished, there was another one reported in the northern part of Coffee County.

Republican Women of Coffee County meeting set for March 19

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark

Hwy.

Two January 6'ers—Russell Alford of Hokes Bluff, Ala., and Anthony Mazzio from Midland City, will be

the luncheon guest speakers. They will share their story of what happened to them on Jan. 6, 2021, and their subsequent federal im-

prisonment.

The doors open at 11; an optional \$17 buffet starts at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please RSVP no later than Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m., to Pam at email: rwccclunchreservations@gmail.com. Please indicate if planning to eat. For more information, call Pam at 334-806-8888.

NOTICE:

The Elba Water and Electric Board will hold a special called meeting Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 a.m. at Elba City Hall.

Coffee County Commission approves request to execute documents with ALDOT for road project

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, Feb. 24, and conducted a rather routine meeting with the majority of the requests coming from the county engineer's office.

"We've been going after a federal aid project for county roads 514 and 515 through ALDOT that was awarded last year," Walters said. "We now have a bid concurrence for that project."

He said the low bidder for the project was Wiregrass Construction at \$904,818.65 with the county match portion of that being \$239,342.53. Walters asked for a resolution concurring with the low bid and allowing the commission chairman to execute all documents necessary with

ALDOT to move the project forward.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve that request.

Another item requested by Walters and approved by commissioners was to allow for the purchase of a surplus herbicide truck from ALDOT for a cost of \$50,000. Walters said the county had been on a waiting list for this type truck for several years now.

Commissioners gave the nod for the engineer to move forward with ordering two new CAT150 motor graders for the fleet rotation. He said these would be delivered in October and payment would not be due until Fiscal Year 2026. The total cost of purchase is \$806,000.

Also, commissioners voted to allow the highway department to surplus old

pipe scrap materials and to dispose of those materials the best way.

County administrator Rod Morgan asked for a motion to allow for three vehicles from the Sheriff's department to be deemed surplus and sold. This request also was approved by unanimous consent.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, March 10, at 9 a.m., in New Brockton.

Area Happenings

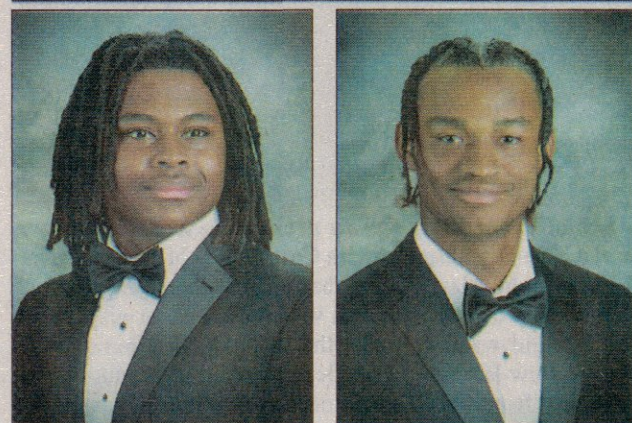
The Evergreen Cemetery Board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

The Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board will hold a joint work session Monday, March 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at All In Credit Union, 402 Collier St., Elba, to tour the facility. Work sessions are open to the public to attend.

EDITORIAL



Galen McWaters (left) and his dad, Hubert McWaters (right) are members of the Elba Lions Club. Not only did they enjoy serving those who came out for the annual Pancake Breakfast, but they also enjoyed some family time during the event as well. Many say one of the best things about the Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is the fellowship enjoyed by all as they help support a good cause.



Elba High School's Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Nominees

Elba's Scholar nominee is Jacob Watkins (left) and Elba's Achievement Nominee is Trai Davis (right). Elba City Schools congratulates each on this special honor.



Ben Casey said the pancakes were "great" as he enjoyed breakfast with his mom and grandparents last Saturday at the Elba Lions Club pancake breakfast.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

We attended a New Brockton Town Council meeting earlier this week, and it was very nice to see the firefighters, and other first responders that helped in the Feb. 20th boating accident be recognized for their efforts from that evening. While it remains heartbreaking that a life was lost that night, there was another saved because of the firefighters and first responders. These folks never ask for recognition, but they definitely have earned it!

Also, while at the town council meeting, there were some uncomfortable moments when some folks in the audience got into shouting match with council members... well, most of the shouting was on the part of the folks in the audience. There had been an issue with an electrical company not being paid in a timely manner for some work done at the youth baseball/softball fields, which are overseen by Gamecock Sports in New Brockton. The matter was a safety issue that needed quick action from reports. It appeared the matter had been discussed at a previous work session, and according to the representative from Gamecock Sports that just happened to be sitting by us for the meeting, an agreement had been reached for the town to pay the just over \$800 bill for the work. As projected, the council voted unanimously to pay that bill. However, one council member later made mention that certain Facebook posts prior to the meeting that discussed the matter were not necessarily needed or appropriate. Her point in her comments was that all were there for the same reason - the betterment of the town, programs, etc., and she hoped folks could work together instead of against one another. Some folks there with the electrical company appeared to not take the council members comments well, and they expressed that dislike...this eventually led to those folks storming from the council chambers and out of the building. While we missed some of the discussions leading up to Monday nights meeting, our take from what we did witness was simple. The council took action and agreed to pay the bill, which meant the electric company would receive the monies due to them for services rendered. That was the correct thing to do. We did not see any necessary reason for the scene that followed. The best thing that could have happened was for all to accept that the right thing was done by the council -- even if it was delayed for various reasons -- and all to move on happily with life. The mayor admitted there were mistakes made on both sides regarding this matter. We feel like his admission was most likely correct; however, it appeared to be remedied with the action of the council. Hey...the Gamecock Sports rep was pleased with the outcome Monday night... he said so to the council. Everyone else should have taken his lead and expressed the same and lots of anger could have been avoided.

Rubber mulch was delivered and spread on the playground at Hawkins-Williams Park last week. The purchase of this mulch was made possible via a playground improvements grant received by the City of Elba, and it was a nice addition to the playground for youngsters. This rubber mulch, which was delivered from New Jersey, not only will help ensure better safety for the children as they play on the playground, but it also will help keep the equipment safe and hopefully operational for many years to come. Grant funds must be used for the projects they are awarded for, and we think purchasing this mulch was a great thing for Elba to do with those grant funds to help improve the recreation equipment. We have been at the ballfields on many nights when the playground equipment is getting lots of use...this rubber mulch should make it even more fun now!

Below, Elba Rec and Street department employees work to spread the rubber mulch at Hawkin's Williams.



Vicki Bandstra was honored Tuesday, March 4, with a surprise 70th birthday luncheon at Ms. Linda's on the square in Elba. Those in attendance were: (front) Debra Rivera, Jane Nicholson, Myrna Loy Cowen, Vicki Bandstra, Barbara Lawford, Joni White, and Myrna Cotton; (back) Bonnie Lynn Kennedy, Gwen Mullinax, Charlotte Goodson, Debra Camley, Pam Jordan, and Bertie Thomas.

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Elba Masonic Lodge 170 held a regular meeting Monday, March 3, and passed Brother Mark William Davis to a Fellow Craft. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and work. Those present were: (front, 1 to r) W/M Mike Amison, Ashton Davis, FC Mark William Davis, Blake Miller, Larry Shaw, Cody Kelley, Drexell Richards, and Thomas McBride; (middle, 1 to r) Wendell Black, Mike Murphy, Jimmy Beasley, Troy Gideon III, Jeff Mobley, John R. Davis, and Johnny Davis; (back, 1 to r) Zackary Spann, Matthew Brunson Sr., Joe Watson, Allan Crenshaw, Ethen Dodd, PGM Tommy Morrow, Duran McNeil, and Jeff Skeen. Picture was taken by Harry Young.



Elba Masonic Lodge 170 held a regular meeting Monday, March 3, and passed Brother Shane McNeil Spears to a Fellow Craft. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and work. Those present for the meeting were: (front, 1 to r) W/M Mike Amison, FC Shane McNeil Spears, Blake Miller, Larry Shaw, Cody Kelley, Drexell Richards, and Thomas McBride; (middle, 1 to r) Wendell Black, Zackary Spann, Mike Murphy, Matthew Brunson Sr., Ashton Davis, Jimmy Beasley, Troy Gideon III, Jeff Mobley, John R. Davis, and Johnny Davis; and (back, 1 to r) Joe Watson, Allan Crenshaw, Ethen Dodd, PGM Tommy Morrow, Duran McNeil, and Jeff Skeen. Picture was taken by Harry Young.



LBCE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER...Paulie Thill was recently initiated as the newest member of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise by the LCPE Membership Chair Bonnie Gilmore. She was welcomed into the club and reminded that the name "Pilot" was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots who represented leadership and guidance, that the Pilot principles are friendship and service; that the Pilot motto is "True Course Ever", and that the colors are green for life and vigor and gold for sincerity of purpose. Shown in the picture (from left) are Fran Walters - sponsor, Paulie Thill, and Bonnie Gilmore - membership chair. To learn more about becoming a member of this club, contact Bonnie Gilmore at bonjean4260@gmail.com.

Locals makes Dean's/President's lists at UWA for Fall 2024

The University of West Alabama, Livingston, Ala., announced nearly 600 outstanding undergraduate students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 academic semester.

Fall 2024 academic honors recipients represent 62 out of 67 Alabama counties and 68 counties from 19 other states. The Dean's List gives recognition to those undergraduate students those with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.79, completing at least twelve semester credit hours, with no grade lower than a "C."

Locals making the list include: Kaitlyn Hood (Psychology), Ashley Janes (Early Childhood/Elementary Education), Sara Mitchell (Early Childhood Education), all of Elba; Andrew Crawley (Special Education), of Jack, Ala.; and Jeb Crosby (General Science Teacher Certification), of Kinston, Ala.

Also, UWA announced more than 400 outstanding undergraduate students named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 academic semester.

Fall 2024 academic hon-

BYRON JA'KEE (BUBBA) BURKS

Mr. Byron Ja'kee (Bubba) Burks, age 20, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, in New Brockton, Ala.

Byron was born Feb. 28, 2004 in Rochester, NY.

Byron attended OC-CAP Head Start, where he quickly melted the hearts of his teachers. He later attended Elba City Schools, where his affectionate smile and spirit captivated all he encountered. He was a member of the Class of 2022, graduating in the "Top 10" of his senior class with honors. After graduation, he accepted an academic and athletic scholarship to play football at Doane University in Crete, Neb., where he studied engineering. He later transferred to Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala. While taking a break, he was employed at the Walmart Distribution Center. Byron had plans to continue his studies at Jacksonville State University in the spring. Throughout his childhood, Byron was a faithful and committed member of the True Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop E.H. Hill.

Byron was humble, respectful, kind, and truly an inspiration. His smile captured the hearts of everyone he met.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1,

The Social Security Administration (SSA) continues to make good on President Trump's promise to protect American taxpayers from unnecessary spending while continuing to ensure it delivers on its mission.

"For too long, SSA has operated on autopilot," said Lee Duke, acting commissioner of Social Security. "We have spent billions annually doing the same things the same way, leading to bureaucratic stagnation, inefficiency, and a lack of meaningful service improvements. It is time to change just that."

The agency has thus far identified over \$800 million in cost savings or cost avoidance for fiscal year (FY) 2025 in areas of payroll, information technology, contracts and grants, and space savings (i.e., real property), and other savings through new, common-sense approaches to printing, travel, and purchase card policies.

List of Savings

- Payroll: Froze SSA and Disability Determination Services (DDS) hiring and drastically reduced overtime - \$550 million.
- Information Technology Systems (ITS) Budget: An ITS budget reduction of \$150 million by cancelling non-essential contracts and identifying reductions in other ITS contracts.
- Non-ITS Budget: 70 percent Reduction in Travel - \$10 million.
- Contracts and Grants: Contracts Terminated - \$15 million; Grants Terminated - \$15 million.
- Real Property: Planned non-public facing usable square footage (USF) reductions [Achieved Savings to date - 270,000 USF - \$102 million; Anticipated Additional Savings thru EOY

Obituaries

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2025, from Cornerstone Church of Jesus Christ in Opp, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Byron was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather the late Bishop E.H. Hill; his uncle Willie Lewis Hill; his paternal grandparents Curtis Burks and Betty Joe Burks; Aunts Betty Joe Sams, and Dianne Coleman; and uncles Bobby, Tony, Tim, and Larry Burks.

Survivors include his devoted parents: Brian Keith Burks and Jackie Hill-Burks; six siblings: Brandon Flowers, Jacquiez (Keyawne) Hill, Breannah Hill, Jada Burks, Janiah Burks, Jabria Burks, and Brison Burks; eight nephews; Jacques Hill Jr., J'san Hill, Neko Reyes, Giannis Burks, Halen Gray Jr., Zalen Gray, Laderis Gray, Denis Gray; five nieces: Braligh Flowers, Chancelyn Goosby, Brielle Flowers, K'Angel Hill, and Camiya Goosby; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

MARY ANN CANTRELL
Mrs. Mary Ann Cantrell, age 69, a resident of Abbeville, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at her home.

Graveside services were held March 1, 2025 at Cameron Chapel Church Cemetery with

Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes

Social Security identifies hundreds of millions of dollars in savings

FY 2025 - 30,000 USF - \$1.5 million.] Soft-Term Lease Terminations - Over 60 lease terminations with assistance from the General Services Administration (GSA) - \$4.0 million in annual rent savings once terminations are complete. Most sites are co-located; others are non-public facing, consolidations, or preplanned closings.

- Guards: Plan to implement protective security officer staffing model and policy for field offices - estimated \$30 million beginning in FY 2025.
- Printing and Postage: Made

Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Aliga Bolding.

Survivors include her sons: Michael Cantrell, Warner Robins, Ga., Dennis (Angela) Cantrell, Eufaula, Ala.; fiancé: Ronnie Sanders, Abbeville; grandsons: Reece Donahue, Calera, Ala., Dallas Cantrell, Belpre, Ohio; granddaughters: Maria Cantrell, Belpre, and Royalty Cantrell, Warner Robins; along with three brothers: Jerry Bolding and David Bolding, both of Brantley, Ala., and Robert Bolding, Kinston, Ala.

PATRICIA LOVELLE CLARK

Mrs. Patricia Lovelle Clark, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at her home in Elba.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 2 p.m., from First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Kit Johnson and Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Interment services will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be at First Baptist Church of Elba on Thursday, March 6, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Survivors include her husband: Henry Dowe Clark, Elba; daughter: Lori (Rob) Logan, and son: Dowe (Jennie) Clark, both of Elba; and grandson: Clark Logan, Enterprise, Ala.

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If your loved one was a military veteran, you may wish to look into VA cemeteries near you. Also consider that most cemeteries have veteran sections, which should provide you with plenty of options for personalization. And if your loved one adhered to a particular religion, it may be worth investigating cemeteries associated with that faith tradition. Otherwise, you'll probably just want to find a public cemetery. A good starting place is to ask your funeral director for a recommendation.

If your loved one is to be cremated, it's important to find a cemetery that offers either a columbarium or an urn garden, or at least one that permits urns to be buried in traditional plots. (Most do, but it doesn't hurt to verify.) In researching local cemeteries, make sure you ask about the cost as well as any maintenance fees associated with the plot. Also ask what the cemetery will do to maintain the gravesite, and what your responsibilities will be as the family member. Finally, ask if there are any restrictions or stipulations on the kinds of casket that are permitted.

Again, as you navigate this important decision, don't hesitate to seek counsel from your funeral director, who will be able to help you locate the cemetery that best aligns with your needs and your loved one's final wishes.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

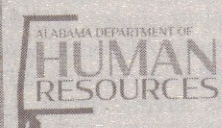
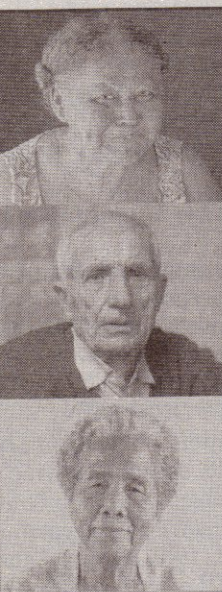
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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would allow municipalities in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, require payment for such services to the County Commission for any such contract, allow for sums received under any such contract to be expended for services provided under such contract, and extend the constitutional immunity afforded to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed under any such contract.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to authorize any municipality in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, to authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, to provide for payment for such services and the use of such funds, and the extend the constitutional immunity afforded to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed pursuant to any such contract.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any municipality within Coffee County may contract for police services with the sheriff of the county. The contract may include the enforcement by the sheriff and his or her deputies of all laws within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the municipality, including municipal ordinances and the arrest or citation of any offenders, as if the sheriff and his or her deputies were duly constituted police officers of the municipality. (b) A municipality entering into a contract with the sheriff for police services shall pay to the county general fund a sum sufficient to provide the necessary manpower and equipment as mutually agreed upon by the municipal governing body, the sheriff of the county, and the county commission. (c) The county commission shall receive from the municipality the funds paid under the contract for police services and may expend funds for police services in the contracting municipality, including the police jurisdiction of the municipality. (d) Each contract between the sheriff and the contracting municipality shall be with the consent and approval of the sheriff and the county commission. (e) The sheriff and his or her duly commissioned deputies shall retain the legal and constitutional immunity afforded to each of them by law in the performance of any duties pursuant to any contract with a municipality.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given

that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

Section 1. Any person elected or appointed as the Judge of Probate of Coffee County after the effective date of this act shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELBA J. HOLLINGHEAD, Deceased.
Case No. PR-2024-198TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jennifer Jackson as Administrator of the Estate of Melba Hollinghead, deceased, on the 24th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Sidney Allen Brannon, Deceased
Case No. 25-0019

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Nathan Allen Brannon, Executer (Personal Representative,) on the 6th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred./s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Benny Frank Strawder, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-025**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ronald Strawder, Personal Representative, on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the samewithin time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 19th day of February, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MURRAY H. MARTIN DECEASED
Case No.: PR-2025-030

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of MURRAY H. MARTIN, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Edward M. Martin
EDWARD M. MARTIN
Personal Representative of said Estate
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ORDINANCE NO. 02242025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA FOR THE TERM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2025 FORWARD AND REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCE NO 07082019.**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELBA, ALABAMA THAT:** Section 1. That the salary of the Mayor of the City of Elba, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$22,500.00 annually.

Section 2. That the salary for Councilpersons of the City of Elba, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$5,400.00 annually.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November 2025 and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the City Council.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed, specifically including Ordinance 1996-2 Adopted Jan. 22, 2006, and Ordinance 07082019 Adopted July 8, 2019.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. ADOPTED this 24 day of February 2025.

/s/ Gappa Wise,
Councilperson
/s/ Jane Brunson,
Councilperson
/s/ Bryan Grimes,
Councilperson
/s/ A R Williams,
Councilperson
/s/ Tom Maddox,
Mayor

APPROVED this 24 day of January 2025

ATTEST:
/s/ Sally Bane,
City Clerk
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Pages 5 & 6!

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINSTON, ALABAMA, REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE PHOTOGRAPHIC STATIONARY SPEED DETECTION DEVICES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 52.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Kinston, Alabama, recognizes the paramount importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of its citizens and visitors; and WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that speeding along State Highway 52 within the corporate limits of Kinston poses a significant threat to the safety of pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that effective speed enforcement is crucial for deterring speeding and promoting adherence to posted speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kinston, like many municipalities, is currently experiencing a shortage of law enforcement officers, making comprehensive speed enforcement a significant challenge; and

WHEREAS, budgetary constraints further limit the Town's ability to dedicate additional resources to traditional speed enforcement methods; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that existing enforcement methods are insufficient to adequately address the pervasive issue of speeding along State Highway 52 within the town, especially given the current staffing and budgetary limitations; and WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to explore and implement innovative solutions to enhance speed enforcement and improve community safety specifically along State Highway 52; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the utilization of photographic stationary speed detection devices offers a promising approach to achieving these objectives, particularly in light of the aforementioned challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to seek authorization from the Alabama State Legislature to implement such devices along State Highway 52 and enforce speed limits through civil penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF

KINSTON, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Town Council hereby acknowledges and affirms the critical need for enhanced speed enforcement along State Highway 52 within the Town of Kinston for the purpose of protecting the safety and welfare of the community. This need is further amplified by the current shortage of law enforcement officers and budgetary constraints which hinder traditional enforcement efforts.

SECTION 2. The Town Council unanimously requests that the Alabama State Legislature enact legislation authorizing the Town of Kinston to install and operate photographic stationary speed detection devices along State Highway 52 within its corporate limits.

SECTION 3. The Town Council further requests that such legislation empower the Town of Kinston to enforce violations of posted speed limits detected by these photographic devices through the imposition of civil penalties, the specifics of which may be determined by ordinance of the Town.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate members of the Alabama State Legislature representing the Town of Kinston, and to the Governor of Alabama.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval. PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 6 day of February, 2025.

/s/ Bill Reichardt

Mayor

/s/ Cindy Johnson

Town Clerk

SEAL

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to the Town of Kinston, Alabama, in Coffee County; authorizing automated speeding enforcement on State Highway 52 in the Town of Kinston as a civil violation; authorizing the town to adopt a municipal ordinance consistent with this act; providing certain procedures to be followed by using automated photographic speeding enforcement; providing that the owner of the vehicle involved is presumptively liable for a civil violation and the payment of a civil fine, but providing procedures to contest liability; providing for jurisdiction in the Kinston Municipal Court over the civil violations and allowing appeals to the Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo; creating a cause of action for any person held responsible for payment of the civil fine against the person who was actually operating a vehicle while speeding; and prohibiting the tampering with automated speeding enforcement devices or equipment systems, except by authorized persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1.

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kinston Speed Limit Safety Act."

(b) The Town of Kinston, Alabama, by municipal ordinance, may adopt the procedures set out in this act.

Section 2. As used in this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) CIVIL FINE. The monetary amount assessed by the Town of Kinston pursuant to this act for an adjudication of civil liability for a speeding violation, including municipal court costs associated with the infraction.

(2) CIVIL VIOLATION. A noncriminal category of law called a civil violation created and existing for the sole purpose of carrying out the terms of this act. The penalty for violation of a civil violation shall be the payment of a civil fine, the enforceability of which shall be accomplished through civil action. The prosecution of a civil violation created hereby shall carry reduced evidentiary requirements and burden of proof as set out in this act, and in no event shall an adjudication of liability for a civil violation be punishable by a criminal fine or imprisonment.

(3) OWNER. The owner of a motor vehicle as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue or the analogous department or agency of another state or country. The term shall not include a motor vehicle rental or leasing company when a motor vehicle registered by the company is rented or leased

to another person under a rental or lease agreement with the company, in which event "owner" shall mean the person to whom the vehicle is rented or leased; nor shall the term include motor vehicles displaying dealer license plates, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual to whom the vehicle is assigned for use; nor shall the term include the owner of any stolen motor vehicle, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual who is guilty of stealing the motor vehicle.

(4) PHOTOGRAPHIC SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT or AUTOMATED SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. A camera system which is designed and installed to work in conjunction with an electrically operated speed detection device synchronized to automatically record digital imaging of a motor vehicle while speeding. The device shall be capable of producing at least two recorded images, at least one of which is capable of clearly depicting the license plate of a motor vehicle that is speeding.

(5) SPEEDING VIOLATION. Any violation of a motor vehicle at a speed that exceeds 10 miles per hour over the legal maximum speed limits presented in or adopted pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975; provided, however, that speed limits set by action of the Kinston Town Council as found in the municipal code of the Town of Kinston shall supersede the limits set in Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975. A speeding violation shall be a civil violation as defined in this act.

(6) TOWN. The Town of Kinston, Alabama.

(7) TRAINED TECHNICIAN. A sworn law enforcement officer employed by the Town of Kinston, who alternatively:

a. Is a professional engineer in the field of civil engineering; or

b. Has received instruction and training in the proper use of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system to be used by the town's traffic engineer or his or her designee; or

c. Has been trained by the vendor installing the equipment. Under no circumstances shall the salary or other compensation of the trained technician be related to the number of notices of violation issued or amount of fines collected.

Section 3. (a) The Town of Kinston is authorized to use an automated photographic speeding enforcement system to detect and record speeding violations on State Highway 52 in the town limits, to issue notices of civil violations by mail, and to prosecute civil violations for the recorded speeding violations which may occur on State Highway 52 in the corporate limits of the Town of Kinston as provided in this act. A civil fine assessed under this act shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), and municipal court costs may be assessed in the same manner and in the same amounts prescribed for municipal criminal speeding violations prosecuted as a misdemeanor. An additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be added to the Kinston Municipal Court costs authorized to be collected in connection with notices issued under this act. Court costs collected pursuant to this act shall be distributed in the same manner as prescribed by law for the distribution of municipal court costs for misdemeanor violations. The additional ten dollars (\$10) authorized by this act shall be paid to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center as compensation for recordkeeping with respect to speeding violation notices issued pursuant to this act.

(b) If an ordinance is adopted for automated speeding enforcement, the Town of Kinston shall cause a sign to be posted at each of a minimum of five roadway entry points to the town to provide motorists with notice that automated photographic speeding enforcement systems are in use. The sign shall comply with this requirement if it states substantially the following: "AUTOMATED CAMERAS USED IN SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT," or if it otherwise gives sufficient notice.

(c) Prior to operating such an enforcement system, the Town of Kinston shall make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the use of an automated photographic speeding enforcement system a minimum of 30 days before using the devices. The Town of Kinston may place photographic speeding enforcement systems at locations without public notice of the specific location, may change locations without public notice, and may install and move as needed decoy devices designed to resemble photographic speeding enforcement systems.

(d) The town shall post signs warning of the use of an automated photographic device for speeding enforcement within 60 yards of every speed detection device used. Each sign shall be placed at least five feet from the edge of the road or street and shall be placed not lower than two feet and not higher than eight feet.

Section 4. (a) Prior to imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this act, the Town of Kinston shall first mail a notice of violation by certified U.S. mail, return receipt, to the owner of the motor vehicle which is recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system that committed a speeding violation. The notice shall be sent not later than the 30th day after the date the speeding violation is recorded to the following:

(1) The owner's address as shown on the registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(2) If the vehicle is registered in another state or country, to the owner's address as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the department or agency of the other state or country analogous to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(3) If a traffic violation is based on the vehicle identification number, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the law enforcement agency, before issuing a notice of violation, shall provide a written notice to the rental car business that a notice of violation to the rental car business if the rental car business does not, within 30 days of receiving written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return mail a statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or rent-

ing the vehicle when the violation occurred.

(b) A notice of violation issued under this act shall contain all of the following:

(1) Description of the speeding violation alleged.

(2) The date, time, and location of the violation.

(3) A copy of recorded images of the vehicle involved in the violation.

(4) The amount of the civil penalty to be imposed for the violation.

(5) The date by which the civil penalty must be paid.

(6) A statement that the person named in the notice of violation may pay the civil penalty in lieu of appearing at an administrative adjudication hearing.

(7) Information that informs the person named in the notice of violation of the following:

a. The right to contest the imposition of the civil penalty in an administrative adjudication.

b. The manner and time in which to contest the imposition of the civil penalty.

c. That failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability is an admission of liability.

(8) A statement that a recorded image is evidence in a proceeding for the imposition of a civil penalty.

(9) A statement that failure to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed shall result in the imposition of a late penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(10) Any other information deemed necessary by the town.

(c) A notice of violation under this act is presumed to have been received on the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is placed in the U.S. mail.

(d) The civil penalty imposed shall be paid within 30 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed.

(e) It shall be within the discretion of the trained technician to determine which of the recorded speeding violations are prosecuted based upon the quality and legibility of the recorded image. In lieu of issuing a notice of violation, the town may mail a warning notice to the owner during the initial warning period.

Section 5. (a) The Kinston Municipal Court is vested with the power and jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate the civil violations provided for in this act and to issue orders imposing the civil fines and costs set out in this act.

(b) A person who receives a notice of violation may contest the imposition of the civil fine by submitting a written request for a hearing on the adjudication of the civil violation within 15 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed. Upon receipt of a timely request, the town shall notify the person of the date and time of the adjudicative hearing by U.S. mail.

(c) Failure to pay a civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability in the full amount of the civil fine assessed in the notice of violation.

(d) The civil fine shall not be assessed if, after a hearing, the Kinston Municipal Judge enters a finding of no liability.

(e) If an adjudicative hearing is requested, the town shall have the burden of proving the speeding violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The reliability of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system used to produce the recorded image of the violation may be attested to affidavit of a trained technician. An affidavit of a trained technician that alleges a violation based on an inspection of the pertinent recorded image or video is admissible in a proceeding under this act and is evidence of the facts contained in the affidavit.

(f) The notice of violation, the recorded and reproduced images of the violation, regardless of the media on which they are recorded, accompanied by a certification of authenticity of a trained technician, and evidence of ownership of a vehicle as shown by copies or summaries of official records shall be admissible into evidence without foundation unless the municipal court finds there is an indication of untrustworthiness, in which case the town shall be given a reasonable opportunity to lay an evidentiary foundation.

(g) All other matters of evidence and procedure not specifically addressed in this act shall be subject to the rules of evidence and the rules of procedure as they apply in the small claims courts of this state, except that on any appeal to Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo the evidence and procedures shall be as for any civil case in the circuit court except as otherwise provided in this act.

(h) A person who is found liable for the civil violation after an adjudicative hearing or who requests an adjudicative hearing and thereafter fails to appear at the time and place of the hearing is liable for court costs and fees as set out herein in addition to the amount of the civil assessed for the violation. A person who is found liable for a civil violation after an adjudicative hearing shall pay the civil fine and costs within 10 days of the hearing.

(i) Whenever payment of a civil fine is owed to the town, the amount of the civil fine as set by ordinance may not be increased, decreased, or remitted by the municipal court, and the liability may be satisfied only by payment.

(j) It shall be an affirmative defense to the imposition of civil liability under this act, to be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, that any of the following apply:

(1) The operator of the motor vehicle was acting in compliance with the lawful order or direction of a police officer.

(2) The motor vehicle was being operated as an authorized emergency vehicle under state law, and the operator was acting in compliance with that section.

(3) The motor vehicle was stolen or being operated by a person other than the owner of the vehicle without the effective consent of the owner.

(4) The license plate depicted in the recorded image of the violation was a stolen plate and being displayed on a motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which the plate had been issued.

(5) The person who received the notice of violation was not the owner of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

(k) To demonstrate that at the time of the

violation the motor vehicle was a stolen vehicle or the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle was a stolen plate, the owner must submit proof acceptable to the hearing officer that the theft of the vehicle or license plate, prior to the time of the violation, had been timely reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(l) Notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary, a person who fails to pay the amount of a civil fine or to contest liability in a timely manner is entitled to an adjudicative hearing on the violation if:

(1) The person files an affidavit with the hearing officer stating the date on which the person received the notice of violation that was mailed to the person, if not received by the 10th day after the notice was mailed.

(2) Within the 15 days of the date of actual receipt, the person requests an administrative adjudicative hearing.

Section 6. (a) Following an adjudicative hearing, the municipal court shall issue an order stating the following:

(1) Whether the person charged with the civil violation is liable for the violation and, if so, (2) The amount of the civil fine assessed against the person, along with the fees and costs of court provided for in this act.

(b) The orders issued under this section may be filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and shall operate as a judicial lien in the same manner and with the same weight and effect as any other civil judgment filed therein.

(c) A person who is found liable after an adjudicative hearing may appeal that finding of civil liability to the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the municipal court. The notice of appeal must be filed not later than the 14th day after the date on which the municipal court judge entered the finding of civil liability. The filing of a notice of appeal shall stay the enforcement of the civil fine penalty. An appeal shall be determined by the circuit court by trial de novo.

Section 7. The circuit court hearing an appeal shall use the procedures that apply to criminal convictions in municipal court with the following qualifications:

(1) The proceedings shall retain their civil nature on appeal with the circuit court applying the preponderance of the evidence standard.

(2) If the person is adjudicated by the circuit court to be responsible for payment of the civil fine, circuit court costs shall be owed by the person adjudicated responsible, with 100 percent of those court costs retained by the circuit court. Court costs in the circuit court shall be calculated as are court costs for criminal appeals from the municipal court, and in the event the circuit court finds the person appealing not to be responsible, no municipal court costs shall be owed to the town.

(3) Regardless of the civil nature of the proceedings, the circuit court may assign case numbers as for criminal appeals and place the appeals on criminal dockets in the same manner as criminal appeals from municipal court.

(4) The circuit court shall sit as trier of both fact and law in the civil proceedings in the circuit court.

(5) The town shall be responsible for providing an attorney to represent the town and to prosecute the civil proceedings in the circuit court.

Section 8. In the event the evidence produced by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system does not produce an image of the license plate with sufficient clarity for a trained technician to determine the identity of the owner. If the identity of the owner cannot otherwise be reliably established, no notice of violation may be issued. If, however, a notice of violation is issued, to the degree constitutionally allowed, those issues related to the identity of the vehicle or its owner shall affect the weight to be accorded the evidence and shall not affect its admissibility.

Section 9. The town may provide by ordinance that a late fee not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be attached to untimely paid civil fines that are authorized in this act. No person may be arrested or incarcerated for nonpayment of a civil fine or late fee. No record of an adjudication of civil violation made under this act shall be listed, entered, or reported on any criminal record or driving record, whether the record is maintained by the town or an outside agency. An adjudication of civil violation provided for in this act shall not be considered a conviction for any purpose, shall not be used to increase or enhance punishment for any subsequent offense of a criminal nature, shall not be considered a moving violation, and shall not be used by any insurance company to determine or affect premiums or rates unless an accident occurred due to the violation. The fact that a person is held liable or responsible for a civil fine for a speeding violation shall not be used as evidence that the person was guilty of negligence or other culpable conduct, and any evidence generated by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system may only be used as evidence in other proceedings if it is or becomes admissible under the rules of evidence applicable therein.

Section 10. The town shall keep statistical data regarding the effectiveness of automated photographic speeding enforcement systems in reducing speeding violations and collisions and shall communicate the data on an annual basis to the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center.

Section 11. No civil penalty may be imposed and no adjudication of liability for a civil violation may be made under this act if the operator of the vehicle was arrested or was issued a citation and notice to appear by a sworn police officer for a criminal violation of any portion of Article 8, Chapter 5A of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, or any other municipal ordinance that incorporates the statutes contained in that article, and which occurred simultaneously with and under the same set of circumstances which were recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system. Section 12. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pageants will be held April 12th

Contestant meeting set for Sunday for '25 Miss New Brockton Pageants

The 2025 Miss New Brockton Pageants will be Saturday, April 12, with Baby, Toddler, Tiny, Petite, Young, and Teen Miss competitions held at 2 p.m. The Future, Little, Junior and Miss categories will be at 6 p.m.

This year's theme is Fun in the Sun. All Age divisions are OPEN to any girl that would like to enter except for the Little Miss (1st graders only in New Brockton or with a NB address) and Miss (16 years old to 19 years old in New Brockton School or with a NB Address).

There will be a contestant's meeting Sunday, March 9th (find age division below for time and entry fee) at the New Brockton High School Auditorium. All entry forms and information will be handed out on this day and must be completed and turned in on this day with entry fee. Also, all pictures for the paper and program will be made on this day so dress appropriately.

Meeting Times:

2PM - Baby, Toddler and Tiny- Entry Fee \$85. Divisions OPEN...NO interview, fee covers pageant, photogenic - 2 pictures of choice... Baby Miss (0-15months) - Toddler Miss (16 months to 23 months) - Tiny Miss (2&3 year olds)

2PM- Petite, Young and Teen - Entry Fee \$85. Divisions are OPEN...Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic - 2 pictures of choice.... Petite (1st graders that do not attend NBES or don't have a NB address and 2nd grade), Young (3rd and 4th grades) Teen (5th-6th and 7th Grades)

3PM-Future and Little Miss - Entry Fee \$85. Future is OPEN & Little Miss closed to 1st graders at New Brockton Elementary - Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic - 2 pictures of choice.... and written for Little and miss only. Future (4 & 5 year olds and 6 year olds in Kindergarten) - Little Miss

(1st grade at NBES and or have a NB Address) 3PM-Junior and Miss - Entry Fee \$85. Junior Miss (8th -10th grade) is OPEN.

Miss is closed - must attend NB High school (16-19 Years of age) or have a NB address (up to age 19) Entry fee includes interview, pag-

eant entry and photogenic - 2 pictures of choice....and written for Little and Miss only. 3:30 PM- 2024 Queens

Meeting

Contact: Angi Oakes, 334-470-0458, nbpageantorg2020@gmail.com for more information.



The Elba High School Class of 1966 annual class reunion was held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Elba Masonic Lodge #170. Classmates began gathering at 10 a.m., and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. The Ranch House catered the event, and they did an awesome job with the service and food. Everyone agreed it was a blast catching up. One former teacher, Sylvia Jones Padgett, blessed the group with good memories of the class. Those pictured above include: (front, 1 to r) Margaret Wilson, Judy Daniels Rhodes, Jerry Brown, Bobby Edmondson, Shirley Parker Walden, Lenore Anglin Tanner, and Clevis Bowden Ammons; (middle, 1 to r) Loretta Ellenburg Wilson, Barbara Hawkins Vaughan, Nancy Harrison Harris, Page Rowe DeVane, Sara Warr Strong, Patsy Moore Carter, and Janice Davis McCall; (back, 1 to r) teacher Sylvia Jones Padgett, Mack Holloway, Merrill Shirley, Marcus DuBose, Eddie Thompson, David Blackmon, Lewey Stephens, Butch Oggs, Jackey Tindol, Harry Young, Randy Ross, Kenneth Baker, Ronnie Walden, Jerome Blackmon, and Jerome Kelley. Not pictured: Elaine Miller Holt. Picture was taken by Judy Young.

LEGAL NOTICES: (Continued from Pages 4 & 5)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama

CA No. CV-2025-900011

Buckie N Grantham, Jr. Plaintiff,
Vs.
Lots 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153
8th Addition, Lakeside Estates, Plat 1, Page 94
Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams,
and any other interested parties,
Defendants

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams and any and all unknown parties who may have interest in the above property an whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Buckie N Grantham, Jr.'s Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by April 7th, 2025, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number CA No. CV-2025-900011 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama. DONE this 28th day of January, 2025.
/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, Alabama 36340
2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

Notice of Appointment to be published

The State of Alabama, Geneva County Probate Court

Estate of Quinoma Grant aka Quinoma Pridgen Grant, Deceased

Case No.: 25-0021

Letters Testamentary upon the Last Will and Testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
Jolie Grant Starling,
Personal Representative

Emily V. Frost, Esq.
Dominick Feld Hyde, P.C.
1130 22nd Street South
Ridge Park, Suite 4000
Birmingham, AL 35205
(205)536.8888
2/20,27&3/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Muriel C. Danley, Deceased.

Case No.: PC-2025-014

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Dawn D. Kelley, Personal Representative, on the 11th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this 11th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge

2/20/27 & 3/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: Mark Lawrence Branson, Deceased.

Case No.: PC-2025-01

NOTICE

To: Virginia Frances Branson Austin

You will please that notice that on the 8th day of January, 2025, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Granting of Letters Testamentary was filed by Charles Matthew Brunson, petitioner, and that the 25th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the haring of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.
DONE this 11th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
2/20,27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES HOLLAND CREWS DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-0023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Molly Jones, as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Clarence Logan, deceased, on the 26th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons hav-

BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to J.C. Crews, on the 13th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL, DECEASED.

Case No.: PR-2024-038

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

To: DAISY LYNN FINTON
ANY AND ALL OTHER HEIRS OF MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL

Please take note a Petition for Final Settlement of the ESTATE OF MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL having been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given by publication that a hearing has been set for the 2nd day of April, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., at Coffee County Courthouse located at 101 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.
Attorney for Petitioner: H. SAMUEL PRIM, III
Done this 19th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Coffee County Judge of Probate
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLARENCE LOGAN, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PR 2025-038

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Molly Jones, as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Clarence Logan, deceased, on the 26th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons hav-

ing claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN G. HARRISON DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-037

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Helen G. Harrison, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ John P. Redmon
John P. Redmon
Personal Representative of said Estate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE KRANTZ, DECEASED.

Case No. PR-2025-041

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Dale County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Attorney for Ronald Eugene Krantz
Personal Representative

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3/6,13&20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of DERRY DARNELL SHAMBLEY, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2025-027

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Derry Darnell Shambley having been granted to Derry Dexter Shambley, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of March, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 3rd of March, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
3/6, 13& 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Helen Wright, Deceased

Case No. 25-0031

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Ritchie C. Blackwood, Personal Representative, on the 26th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY

IN RE: The Estate of Joe L. Stacy, Deceased

Case No. 25-0002

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Anita Monique East, Executor (Personal Representative.) on the 27th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all per-

sons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NO. 25-0028

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Johnny D. Graham, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Respectfully Submitted on this the 19th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Mercedes Guerrero
Mercedes Guerrero
Personal Representative of said Estate

Jeffrey T. Gray
Attorney for Petitioner
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3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT DELL HOWARD, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-014

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of February 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Witness my hand this the 25th day of February 2025.
/s/ Valerie Ann H. McGuire
Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for Estate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our first born daughter Melissa will celebrate her birthday this week and while we will help her mark the special occasion with gifts and a dinner to the restaurant of her choice, I can't help but think back forty-something years to her arrival. I was in Tuscaloosa at the state high school basketball tournament when Kathy first went into labor, but I made it back several days before our baby made her appearance, and after heading back to the hospital on a rare snowy night in March found out she was breach and it would have to be a caesarean birth. Everything went well, but we didn't have a name picked out because the nurse at the doctor's office said there was no doubt we were having a boy! I was working at The Clipper at the time and wanted the birth of our first child to make the edition of the paper that was only one day from the press, and in big bold letters stated 'It's a girl – Melissa Hope.' While the arrival did make the news, Kathy was a little annoyed that she had no input on naming her first child. However, it soon became clear that it was the perfect name for our little girl and that she will always have 'Hope' for the very best life possible. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers evened their record last week* with a big road win over Samson and maybe they have figured out just what it will take this season to boast a winning record. Brady Johnson pitched his second complete game of the young season to pick up win number two, and for the second time in as many starts didn't walk a batter. It looks like the Tigers have a stopper on the mound in Johnson, and if they can find a couple of other strike-throwers and settle in on defense they may be better than many think.

*** The high school baseball and softball seasons are in full swing around the area and there are already a couple of surprises. In baseball, Zion Chapel is off to a slow 2-6 start, but has played a very tough schedule and is much better than its record may indicate, while New Brockton is off to a 5-2 start and looks like it will once again be a contender for post-season play; Kinston is 1-1 and a little behind other teams, but appears to be solid at almost every position; and Brantley will hit the field this week looking to win a state title after falling short in football and basketball. As for softball, Brantley lost two games last week at a tournament and ended the week with a 1-2 record, but the losses came in games shortened by a time limit, and when the Lady Bulldogs play seven innings will get the chance to show that they never give up and are always a threat; while Kinston upped its record to 10-0 before losing twice in a tournament that also shortened games based on time limits; Zion Chapel's record slipped to 3-4 against some of the best teams in the state and is much better than its record; and, New Brockton picked up its first win of the young season and should now be excited about the future. The biggest surprises are that Zion Chapel already has six losses in baseball and that both Brantley and Kinston lost two games on the same weekend. I expect all the teams to quickly put the losses in the past and catch fire!

*** *The Elba Tiger track team competed* in its second meet of the season last weekend and after just two weeks of action is already beginning to make its mark in the sport. Coach Tyler Reeves got the okay to start the program last spring and after months of recruiting sponsors, and players, put the program together and has his team off and running. The team doesn't have a practice facility and can often be seen practicing field events on the shoulders of the road around the school, but just keeps working and last week put some points on the scoreboard in a meet that included a number of bigger squads. Don't look now, but the Elba Tigers may soon be a team to watch on the track, as well as other sports.

*** *In closing....* The state high school basketball tournament was held last week in Birmingham and while all the teams really put on a show for their fans, I spent a lot of time watching the refs and how they did their jobs. I will admit that for the most part the officiating was better than average, but it was a little funny to see them 'let the teams play' and the number of bodies that got knocked to the floor and the number of fouls that weren't whistled around the goals, while at the same time seeing the refs stop the game to get a player to stick in the shirt-tail of his jersey which was barely even over the waistband of the shorts. Oh well, things have changed over the years and old dinosaurs like me just watch and shake our heads. One thing for sure, the high school refs are as professional as the college refs on most nights.

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Tigers batter Samson to even record at 2-2

Brady Johnson tossed a complete game four-hitter with eight strikeouts and the Elba Tigers combined 10 hits with 11 walks to blast the Samson Tigers 17-2, Friday night at Samson.

Elba bunched together three hits in the opening inning, including rbi singles by Easton McKelvy and Dylan Holley, to grab an early 4-0 lead, and upped its lead to 5-0 in the third when Hakeem Scott ripped a one-out double and later scored on an rbi single by Johnathan Edwards.

The Tigers carried the 5-0 lead into the fourth inning and broke loose for six more runs in the top of the frame to extend their lead to 11-0. A leadoff single by McKelvy ignited the fourth inning fireworks, while Earl Tolentino and Edwards both added rbi hits as Elba combined three hits with five walks to blow the game open.

Samson got on the scoreboard in the bottom

Elba Tigers swept in Florala

The Elba Tigers traveled to Florala last Monday night for a catfight against the Florala Wildcats and were swept in a varsity/junior varsity double-header 22-3 and 9-1.

Elba trailed only 3-0 heading into the bottom of the second inning in the varsity contest, but watched Florala score 15 runs in the inning to take command and never threatened in the big road loss.

The Tigers stranded runners on first and third base in the top of the first inning after a walk to Powell Bane and a one-out single by Brady Johnson, while the Wildcats banged out four hits in the bottom of the frame to grab an early 3-0 lead. Elba's Hakeem Scott drew a walk with one out in the second, only to be stranded on base. However, Florala blew the game open in its half of the inning as the 'Cats combined seven hits with four walks, three hit batters and three errors to plate 15 runs to up their lead to 18-0.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the top of the third, but left the bases loaded as they missed an opportunity to get back in the game. A leadoff single by Powell Bane ignited the Elba rally, and when Easton McKelvy reached on an error and Matthew

Elba JV Tigers fail to cross the plate in recent losses

The Elba Tigers hit the field twice last week in junior varsity baseball action and couldn't get their bats going as they fell to New Brockton 14-0 and Brantley 13-0.

The Tigers hosted the New Brockton Gamecocks on Friday afternoon and dropped a 14-0 decision. New Brockton jumped out to a big 12-0 lead in the top of the second inning and the Tigers never found their way to the plate as they continued their early-season struggles.

Garrett Hill, Jack Harbin and Macon Hughes all had 1 hit for the Tigers, while Hughes pitched four innings and allowed 11 earned runs on eight hits and 11 walks, while striking out eight.

Brayden Formby had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Micah Davis and Mason Danford both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Conner Greenwell added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Formby, Davis and Martin Boyd combined to pitch four innings and allowed no runs on three hits, while striking out 10. The Tigers were on the

of the fourth, but Elba was far from finished and added six runs in the top of the fifth to push its lead to 17-2. Tolentino had an rbi single in the big sixth inning outburst, as the Tigers combined five walks and two Samson errors to run away with the lopsided 17-2 road win.

Easton McKelvy had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Earl Tolentino added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Johnathan Edwards added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Dylan Holley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Hakeem Scott added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Matthew McCart added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Skylar Mitchell added 1 hit; Powell Bane and Brady Johnson both scored 2 runs; and, Jaden Baker added 2 rbi's. Brady Johnson pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits, with eight strikeouts.

McCart drew a walk the bases were loaded with no outs. A walk to Johnathan Edwards forced in one run and when Hakeem Scott was hit by a pitch a second runner crossed the plate, with the third run coming on an error in the infield as the Tigers pulled within 18-3.

Florala continued to make the scoreboard lights flicker in the bottom of the inning as it combined four walks and a hit batter to add four runs to its total and the Tigers failed to score in the fourth as they suffered the 22-3 road loss.

Powell Bane had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Brady Johnson added 1 hit, and Easton McKelvy and Matthew McCart both scored 1 run. Five Tiger pitchers combined to pitch three innings and allowed 11 earned runs on 11 hits and eight walks.

(Junior Varsity)

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 9-1 road loss to the Florala Wildcats.

Colin Grantham had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Garrett Hill added 1 hit. Nicholas Parker and Cole Astemborski combined to pitch three innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and five walks.

road Saturday and lost to the Brantley Bulldogs 13-0. Elba fell behind early in the four-inning game and never recovered as it continued hunting for its first win of the season. Nicholas Parker had the only Tiger hit in the game and also pitched three innings and allowed 10 earned runs on six hits and four walks, while striking out eight.

Asa Blackmon had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kevin Freeman added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, and Greyson Goodwin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Blackmon and Gunner DeFee combined to pitch a one-hit, four-inning shutout with nine strikeouts.

The losses left the Tigers with an 0-6 record.

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Elba Lady Tiger Jadyn Caldwell keeps a runner close in recent JV softball action.

(Photo by Zion Chapel Rebel News)

Elba Lady Tigers JV go winless at tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Opp JV Softball Tournament last weekend and failed to get a win as they dropped all three tournament games.

The Lady Tigers began tournament action on Friday night with a 7-0 loss to Opp. The Lady Tigers failed to get a hit in the three-inning contest to open pool play with the loss. Mary B. O'Neal pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits and six walks.

The Lady Tigers continued pool play on Saturday afternoon and lost to Straughn 11-3. Elba jumped ahead 2-0 early, but saw the lead evaporate as the Lady Tigers closed pool play with an 0-2 record. Taylor Day had 1 hit, scored 1 run and

stole 3 bases to lead Elba at the plate, while Mary B. O'Neal added 1 hit, scored 1 run and also stole 3 bases; Jadyn Caldwell added 1 hit; and, Hillary Hudson scored 1 run and had 1 stolen base. Caldwell pitched two innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out eight.

The Lady Tigers battled Andalusia in elimination play and saw an early 4-3 lead vanish in a 16-4 loss. Taylor Day had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jadyn Caldwell added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Hillary Hudson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 stolen base, and Javonnie Williams scored 1 run. Mary B. O'Neal pitched two innings and allowed four earned runs on 12 hits.

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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Lady Bulldog Bella Lashley (00) takes a lead at third in action last week at a softball tournament in Troy.

BASEBALL – VARSITY:

New Brockton 3 Zion Chapel 2 – New Brockton's Jacob Fisher singled in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Gamecocks a thrilling 3-2 walk-off win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Fisher had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Hayden Pope added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Clark Moran added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Judd Thomas added 1 hit. Fisher pitched a complete game three hitter and allowed two earned runs with six strikeouts. Wes Watson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Brady Flowers and Macon Allen both added 1 hit, and Joseph LeGear scored 1 run. Flowers and John Foster Hamm combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

Kinston 9 Red Level 8 – The Kinston Bulldogs used a 7-run fifth inning to rally from an early 8-1 deficit in an exciting 9-8 win over Red Level. Brant McCollough had 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Colby Tew added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Judd Green added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Easton Parker added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Jon Simmons, Drew Branch and Parker combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and eight walks, while striking out 12.

New Brockton 11 Luverne 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 5-run fifth inning to pull away in a big 11-3 win over Luverne. Gavin Hand had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Bryant Crumpler added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Judd Thomas added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, James Downing added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Hand, Downing and Griffin Wood combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits and two walks.

Ariton 9 Zion Chapel 2 – The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an early 1-0 lead vanish in a 9-2 loss to Ariton. Weston Watson had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Brodie Stinson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and John Foster Hamm and Dylan Davis both added 1 hit. Brady Flowers pitched five innings and allowed seven earned runs on 12 hits and three walks.

New Brockton 10 Northside Methodist 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat Northside Methodist 10-0. Gavin Hand had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Payton McLaughlin added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, and James Downing added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jacob Fisher pitched a three-hit, five-inning shutout with nine strikeouts.

Kinston 5 Pike Road 3 – The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from a 2-1 fourth inning deficit to defeat Eufaula 7-3. Brodie Stinson had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Dylan Davis added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, John Foster Hamm added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Brady Flowers added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Davis and Hamm combined to pitch six innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, while striking out eight.

Headland 6 Zion Chapel 1 – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 6-1 loss to Headland. Weston Watson, Dylan Davis and Kavan Brown all had 1 hit to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Brodie Stinson stole three bases. Tyler Bass pitched five innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits and three walks, while striking out four.

BASEBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY:

New Brockton 5 Pike Lib 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a 3-run first inning to take the lead and held on for a 5-2 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Caleb Shipp had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Cole Danford added 2 hits; Brayden Fomby added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Grady Hamilton added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Fomby and Micah Davis combined to pitch three innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit and five walks.

Pike Lib 13 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a late 3-2 lead vanish in a 13-3 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Brayden Fomby had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Martin Boyd added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Mason Danford and Cole Danford both added 1 hit. Cole Danford, Boyd and Logan Salter combined to pitch three and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits and eight walks.

Opp 4 New Brockton 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks surrendered four runs in the first inning and never recovered in a 4-0 loss to Opp. Kylen Radcliffe had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Colt Mercer added 1 hit and Cooper Medley stole two bases. Mercer and Landon Waller combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and two walks.

The Scorebook

By, GameChanger

Opp 16 New Brockton 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 16-1 loss to Opp. Colt Mercer had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Kylen Radcliffe added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Hayden Brock added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Colton Starling, Colt Mercer and Landon Waller combined to pitch three innings and allowed 14 earned runs on 11 hits and five walks.

Opp 5 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a late rally fall short in a 5-3 loss to Opp. Kylen Radcliffe had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Colt Mercer, Peyton Collins and Brayden Crumpler all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Colton Starling, Radcliffe and Crumpler combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on two hits and four walks.

Kinston 8 Geneva County 1 – The Kinston Bulldogs scored 4 runs in the first inning to take command and rolled to an impressive 8-1 win over Geneva County. JD Hart had 3 hits, including two doubles, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jon Simmons added 2 hits and scored 4 runs; Evan Hilburn added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jackson Cowen added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Hart and Easton Parker combined to pitch six innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, while striking out seven.

New Brockton 10 Northside Methodist 5 – The New Brockton Gamecocks grabbed a 10-0 lead in the second inning and coasted in with a 10-5 win over Northside Methodist. Griffin Wood had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Colton Starling added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Cooper Medley and Skye English both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Starling and Gabe Dean combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on one hit and seven walks.

SOFTBALL – VARSITY:

Enterprise 9 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one hit in a 9-0 road loss to Enterprise. Shea Wambles had the lone Lady Rebel hit, while Hagen Sessions drew two walks. Riley Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch six innings and allowed seven earned runs on eight hits and six walks.

Kinston 17 New Brockton 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored runs in bunches to roll to a big 17-1 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Camdyn Norris had 4 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston at the pate, Allyx Williamson added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Lyla Bruce added 2 hits, sired 3 runs and had 5 rbi's; and, Madisyn Jones added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, with 11 strikeouts. Ella Kate Bowers had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Ariana Smith scored one run and had one stolen base. MacKenzie Jones and Bowers combined to pitch three innings and allowed 16 earned runs on 14 hits and nine walks.

Opp 3 Zion Chapel 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw a 1-0 fifth inning lead slip away in a 3-2 loss to Opp. Kaylee Hodge had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Landry Hataway added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Riley Bannin and Emily Rhodes both added 1 hit. Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on eight hits and four walks.

Kinston 10 Andalusia 8 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs jumped ahead 9-0 in the second inning and held on to outscore Andalusia 10-8. Madisyn Jones had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Aubrey Norris added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's and, Allyx Williamson, Brynne Kelley and Maddie Williamson all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin pitched seven innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits and five walks, while striking out 11.

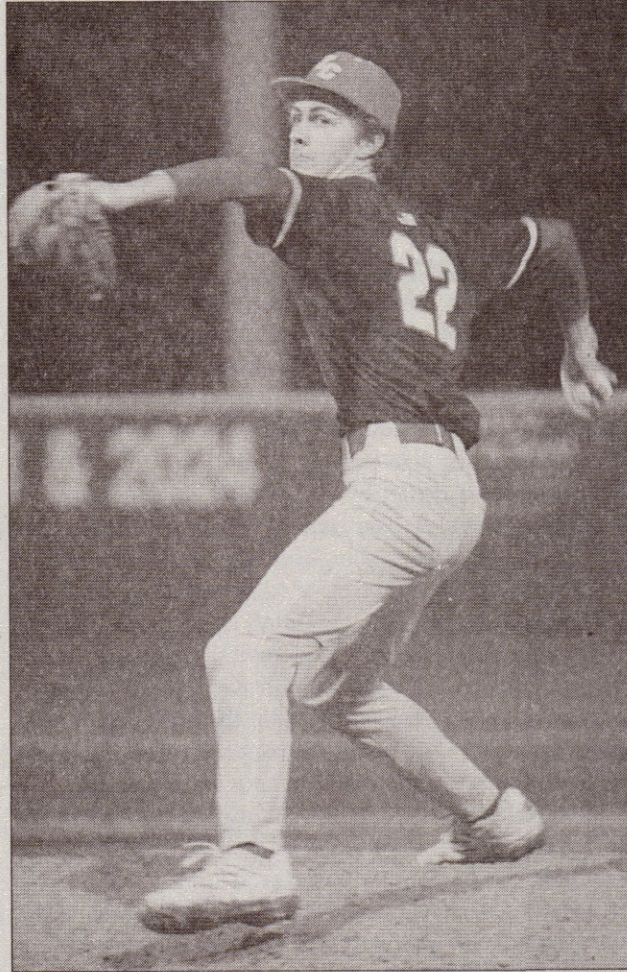
Brantley 4 Lee-Scott 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs opened the season with a 4-2 win over Lee-Scott Academy. Coco Stamps had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley at the plate, while Alex Grimes and Marley Kilcrease both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kennedy Baggett added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Grimes pitched three innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits, while striking out seven.

Kinston 5 Pike Road 3 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs led all the way to defeat Pike Road 5-3. Lilli Sumblin had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Allyx Williamson, Maddie Williamson and Camdyn Norris all added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Lauren Norris added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits and four walks.

Pike Lib 4 Brantley 3 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late rally fall short in a 4-3 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Emma Crawley had 2 hits to lead Brantley at the plate, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, and Coco Stamps added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Grimes and Marley Kilcrease combined to pitch three innings and allowed one earned run on four hits and two walks.

Kinston 10 W.S. Neal 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs were in command all the way in a solid 10-0 win over W.S. Neal. Aubrey Norris had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Bella Lashley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Maddie Williamson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Lauren Norris added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Lilli Sumblin pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, while striking out seven.

Holtville 5 Kinston 4 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw a late 4-3 lead slip away in a 5-4 loss to Holtville. Lauren Norris had 3 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Lilli Sumblin and Camdyn Norris both added 2 hit



Zion Chapel Rebel Brady Flowers (22) delivers a pitch to the plate in recent baseball action.

(Photo by Amanda Clark)

and scored 2 runs, and Brynne Kelley added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch four innings and allowed five earned runs on eight hits and three walks.

Pike Lib 9 Brantley 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a 2-1 third inning lead vanish in a 9-2 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Savannah Nichols and Adalida Latham both added 1 hit. Grimes pitched four innings and allowed six earned runs on eight hits, while striking out five.

Slocomb 6 Kinston 3 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw an early 2-1 lead slip away in a 6-3 loss to Slocomb. Allyx Williamson had 3 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Madisyn Jones added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Camdyn Norris added 1 hit. Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch four innings and allowed five earned runs on seven hits.

New Brockton 18 Samson 9 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks pulled out to a 10-1 fourth inning lead and never looked back to defeat Samson 18-9. Annabelle Bookout had 3 hits, scored b3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Brooklyn Downing added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; MacKenzie Jones added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; and, Falyn Walker added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Jones and Zaniyah Mitchell combined to pitch seven innings and allowed nine earned runs on 14 hits, while striking out 14.

SOFTBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY:

Kinston 12 New Brockton 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs led all the way to post a big 12-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Adalyn Whigham had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Justi Creech added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Madalyn Bond added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Creech pitched a four inning no-hitter with 10 strikeouts. Laken English and Zaniyah Mitchell both reached base on a walk, while Mitchell pitched three innings and allowed six earned runs on nine hits and two walks, while striking out six.

Kinston 12 Andalusia 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued to pile up the wins with a 12-0 victory over Andalusia. Adelyn Jarrell added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Adalyn Whigham added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Emma Miranda added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Makayla Bond added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Layla Carter added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Jarrell pitched a four inning shutout and allowed two hits, while striking out six.

Opp 12 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 12-0 loss to Opp. Alyssa Forehand and Destiney Stinson had 1 hit apiece to lead the Lady Rebels, while Cally McWaters drew a walk and had a stolen base. McWaters pitched three innings and allowed six earned runs on eight hits and four walks.

Straughn 9 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels failed to cross the plate in a 9-0 loss to Straughn. Alyssa Forehand and Sarah Moseley both had a double to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Cally McWaters added a single. Landry Hattaway pitched three innings and allowed no earned runs on seven hits and two walks.

Zion Chapel 12 Florala 6 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 10-run first inning to take command and rolled to a 12-6 win over Florala. Alyssa Forehand and Emma Hutto both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Landry Hattaway added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, Addyson Townsend added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and Sarah Moseley added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Hattaway and Carly McWaters combined to pitch three innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits and seven walks.

Zion Chapel 20 Pleasant Home 4 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels combined 8 hits with 11 walks to blast Pleasant Home 20-4. Karli Kidd had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 7 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Landry Hattaway added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Destiney Stinson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Sarah Moseley added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Hattaway pitched two innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, while striking out five.



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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

(Baseball)

Pike County at Elba JV-V 4:30
Goshen at Zion Chapel JV (DH) 4:30
Floral at New Brockton V 5:00
Andalusia at Brantley V 4:30

(Softball)

Kinston at Pleasant Home JV-V 4:30
Zion Chapel at Arlton JV (DH) 4:30
New Brockton at Slocomb JV-V 4:30
Luverne at Brantley V 4:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

(Baseball)

McKenzie at Kinston V (DH) 4:30
Goshen at Brantley V (DH) 4:30
(Track)
Elba at Red Level B/G 2:00
(Soccer)
Charles Henderson at New Brockton G 5:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

(Baseball)

Elba at Zion Chapel JV-V 11:00
Kinston at New Brockton Middle (DH) 10:00
Geneva at New Brockton (JV-V) 2:00

MONDAY, MARCH 10

(Baseball)

Elba at Kinston JV (DH) 4:30
Floral at Elba V 4:30
New Brockton at Zion Chapel JV-V 4:30
Brantley at Straughn V (DH) 4:30
(Softball)
Slocomb at Zion Chapel JV-V 4:30
Geneva County at New Brockton V 6:00
Pike Lib at Brantley V 4:00

(Golf)

at Enterprise

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

(Baseball)

Kinston at Highland Home JV 4:30
Carroll at Zion Chapel V 5:00
Enterprise at New Brockton Middle (DH) 4:30
(Softball)
Elba at Brantley V 4:00
Zion Chapel at Houston Academy V 5:00
(Golf)
At, Elba Country Club
(Soccer)
New Brockton at Pike County B 5:30



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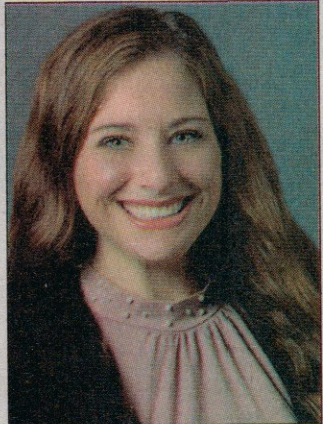
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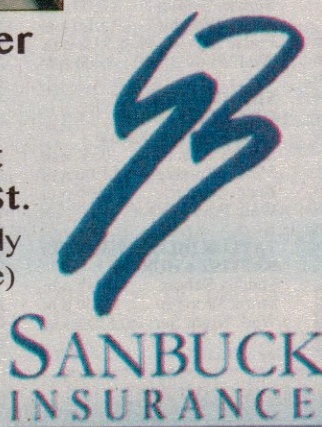
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BRANTLEY BULLDOGS - 2025 CLASS 1A STATE RUNNERS-UP

Brantley falls in state 1A championship game

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their dreams of taking home a state championship from the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament fall one win short last week with a heart-breaking 69-67 loss to the R.C. Hatch Bobcats, in the state finals.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a 24-5 record and placed Jayden Parks and Jon Harper Kilcrease on the 'All-Tournament' team, while R.C. Hatch, which ended the season with a 24-4 record, claimed its 11th state title in school history.

Following are highlights of the state tournament action:

Brantley 80 Hubbertville 65

The Brantley Bulldogs used an 11-0 run to close the second quarter to grab a 12-point halftime advantage and never lost command last Monday morning to claim a convincing 80-65 win over the Hubbertville Lions, in the semifinals of the AHSAA Class 1A semifinals, at Legacy Arena, in Birmingham.

Brantley jumped in front 4-1 early after baskets by Jayden Parks and Julius Sylvester, only to see Hubbertville respond with a 9-1 run to go ahead 10-4 with 3:57 remaining in the first quarter. A dunk by Sylvester highlighted a Bulldog rally that pulled Brantley even at 10-10 with 1:54 left, but the Lions closed with a flurry and carried a 15-10 lead into quarter number two.

Hubbertville upped its lead to 17-10 early in the second quarter, but back-to-back three-pointers by Michael Thompson and Jayden Parks pulled Brantley within 17-16 with 7:09 remaining and when Kevin Freeman scored from inside with 2:00 left the Bulldogs were on top 30-27. The Lions cut the Brantley lead to 30-29 with 1:56 left on the clock; however, Jon Harper Kilcrease drained two three-pointers in a span of nine seconds late in the half to spark an 11-0 run as the Bulldogs went in at intermission with a 41-29 lead.

Hubbertville pulled within 50-44 with 4:23 left in the third quarter, but Brantley's Michael Thompson and Julius Sylvester sparked a 4-0 run to up the lead to 54-44, and a late tip-in by Andre Wright capped another 11-0 Bulldog run that upped Brantley's lead to 61-44, and enabled the 'Dogs to carry a 61-46 lead into the final stanza.

Kilcrease hit a long three-pointer early in the fourth quarter to push the Brantley lead to 64-46, and while Hubbertville never quit and pulled within 70-62 with 1:30

left on the clock, the Bulldogs never lost command and claimed the 80-65 win to move into the state finals.

Jayden Parks connected on 16 of 20 free-throws and scored 34 points to lead Brantley, while Julius Sylvester added 15 points and 12 rebounds, Jon Harper Kilcrease added 13 points and 8 rebounds, and Michael Thompson scored 10 points. Kevin Freeman added 4 points and Mattix Raley added 2 to round out the Bulldog scoring. Blaize Wakefield and Trace Cowen scored 15 points, apiece, to lead Hubbertville.

R.C. Hatch 69 Brantley 67

The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind late in the third quarter and never caught back up in a 69-67 loss to R.C. Hatch, in the 1A finals, on Thursday night.

Brantley jumped out to an early 7-4 first quarter lead on a three-pointer by Jayden Parks and extended its lead to 12-6 with 3:08 remaining in the quarter on two free-throws by Jon Harper Kilcrease, only to see Hatch rally late and pull within 15-14 heading into quarter number two. Hatch nosed ahead 17-15 early in the second quarter, but the Bulldogs rallied behind the three-point shooting of Parks and Kilcrease to go ahead 23-17 with 5:54 left and carried a slim 30-28 lead in at intermission.

Brantley appeared ready to take command early in the third quarter and opened up a 37-28 lead with 6:24 remaining on a three-pointer by Kevin Freeman. However, Hatch battled back to pull even at 39-39 and scored late to carry a 46-45 advantage into the final stanza. Hatch stretched its lead to 55-49 with 4:06 left on the clock as Brantley scored only four points during a span of over four minutes, and while the Bulldogs did close to within 64-61 with 29-seconds remaining on a three-pointer by Parks, Hatch never relinquished its lead and hit key free-throws down the stretch to hand the 'Dogs the 69-67 defeat.

Jayden Parks scored 44 points to lead Brantley, while Julius Sylvester added 9, Jon Harper Kilcrease 8, Fred Bogen 3 and Kevin Freeman 3. The Bulldogs connected on 11 of 29 shots from behind the arc and were 4 of 7 from the free-throw line.

Isaiah Thomas scored 17 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Hatch, while Theotis Dudley added 16 points. The Bobcats went 4 of 13 from behind the arc, but hit 21 of 31 free-throw attempts.

Elba Tiger track team shows improvement in second meet

The Elba Tigers competed in their second meet of the season over the weekend and showed a marked improvement against a large field loaded with larger and more experienced opponents.

"The mark of any great team and athlete is the ability to improve," said Elba coach Tyler Reeves, "and I believe we checked that box last weekend. In the first meet two weeks ago everything was new, but this week our team was more sure of itself, more comfortable and it was on full display. Several athletes set new personal records and others competed in events they had never been in before, and I could not be more proud of their efforts. Saturday we laid another brick in the foundation of the program."

Results for the Tigers included, (Girls) 100 Meters - Anya Adams 15.09, a .43 second improvement from week one; McKenzie Foster 14.62, a .52 second improvement from week one; Alana Barton 17.32, .23 second improvement from week one. 200 Meters - McKenzie Foster 33.22, a 2.51 second improvement from week one; Alana Barton 40.95, a .89 second improvement from week one; 400 Meters - Sydney Siler 1:13.8, first in her heat and 12th overall in a field of 32 runners, in her first meet; 300 Meter Hurdles - Nyasia McCollough 1:06.86; Long Jump - Sydney Siler 10.75 feet, McKenzie Foster 9.9 feet; Discus - Nyasia McCollough 54.3 feet; Shotput - Nyasia McCollough 29.2 feet, an improvement of 3'9" from her first meet, and placed third overall; 1600 Meters - Ruth Magana 10:18, a twenty-seven second improvement and a seventh place finish; (Boys) 100 Meters - Reggie Gilbert 12:2, a .3 improvement from week one; Jacob Ledbetter 11:99, finished first in his heat; 200 Meters - Cassidy Carpenter 28:34; Ky'Avian Stoudemire 26:66; 300 Meter Hurdles - Ky'Avian Stoudemire 54:6; Cassidy Carpenter 56:93; Discus - Caden Kyles 75.2, a 10-foot improvement from week one; Austin Strickland 65.8, a 13-foot improvement from week one; Shotput - Michael Remley 33.2, placed sixth in a 40-man field; Emmanuel Cooks 31.10, a one foot improvement from week one; Javelin - Jacob Ledbetter 123.7, placed fourth overall; Ryan Schindler 87.10.

"Nyasia McCollough had to be the star of the meet for



In a JV Track and Field Meet held Monday, March 3, Elba's Matthew Laramore finished in the Top 10 for the discus event. The Elba team continues to show improvement each time the athletes compete!

us as two weeks ago she picked up the shotput for the first time and is already throwing farther than girls from much bigger schools," added Coach Reeves. "Jacob Ledbetter also showed up big and placed fourth in the javelin after missing last week's meet with the flu, while Michael Remley placed sixth in the shotput and made an incredible jump in distance. Perhaps the biggest moment for me during the meet was watching Sydney Siler compete in the 400 meters, which is a grueling race not matter one's level of experience. She did exactly as we had practiced and in the end finished shy of a state qualifying time in her first outing."

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The Elba High School 1966 Class Breakfast Club met Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Ms. Linda's restaurant in downtown Elba to enjoy food and fellowship.

What does the Bible say about... Jesus as Lamb and Lion?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

"Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

Revelation 7:14 refers to Jesus as the Lamb, and states that Christians in obeying Jesus by being baptized had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 5:1-5 says that John was sad because no one had been able to open the sealed book, but then he was told, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has prevailed to open the book and to loose its seven seals" (Revelation 5:5).

Genesis 49:9-10 and Isaiah 11:1, 10 foretells the coming of Christ as the Lion of Judah, and the root of David. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is referred to in many ways such as the Good Shepherd, the Great Physician, the Bread of Life, the Water of Life, the true vine, etc.,

but the two words of this study that refer to Christ offer a very interesting contrast. The lion, the king of beasts, causes us to think of strength, power, and bravery or without fear. But the word lamb reminds us of being meek, mild, gentle, innocent, and weak.

We may have a tendency to only think of Jesus as loving, meek, and mild, which He is; but He is also strong and courageous. In fact, the Bible word meek doesn't mean weak, but "power under control". In this connection it is interesting to note that the strong man Moses is referred to as being "very meek, above all the men who were on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). Jesus was both meek and strong, as the Bible speaks of both the goodness and severity of God (Romans 11:22).

We can see that Jesus had the strength of a lion when He drove the merchants out of the temple (John 2:14-16); when He called those guilty of being hypocrites (Matthew 23); and when He gave His life as a sacrifice for us.

Jesus was meek and lowly like a lamb slain for our sins, but He was strong like a lion, and He also calls

Everyone enjoyed the occasion, and it was great to see Bobby Edmondson could be in attendance, along with Bo Sauls. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Ms. Linda. Those present for this gathering included (left to right): Sara Warr Strong, Eddie Thompson, Terry Calhoun, Neal Hutto, Merrill Shirley, John Lawless, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, Butch Oggs, Kenneth Baker, David Blackmon, guest Bo Sauls, and Bobby Edmondson. Picture by Linda Harrison.

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Cleva Williams 3/3
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Celebrating Black History month

Honoring William Henry Sheppard (1865-1927)

Africa American missionary to the Congo when we think of great missionaries, the image we usually get is of a Caucasian man in a pith hat stomping through Africa. William Henry Sheppard defies this image.

Sheppard became the first African American missionary for the Presbyterian denomination in the 1890s and established an all-African American Presbyterian mission station in the Congo. He also revealed the atrocities committed against the Congolese by King Leopold II of Belgium. These achievements, along with his exquisite collection of African art and his embrace of Congolese culture and language, made Sheppard a missionary of the highest caliber. At the age of twelve, Sheppard became a stable boy and later worked as a waiter to put himself through the then newly founded Hampton Institute. He later enrolled at the Tuscaloosa Theological Institute, where he first gained a desire to preach in Africa, that desire was put on hold for two years while he served as Pastor of a church in Atlanta, Georgia. During that time, Sheppard wrote letters to the mission board of the Presbyterian church asking to open a mission in Africa. His letters were met with vague answers of rejection. Seeking to understand why, Sheppard traveled to the church office in Baltimore, Maryland. The board admitted it would not send an African American without a white man in authority over him. This did not stop Sheppard, who teamed up with Samuel Lapsley. Lapsley challenged the system by demanding equal rights for all mission workers, no matter their race. The two set sail for London and gained entrance into the Congo through an American ally who was a friend of Lapsley's father. Sheppard started off with stereotypical views of the Congolese as ignorant and savage but, while there, his views started to change. He began to see the Congolese as graceful, courageous, and honest. Sheppard appreciated their rich, beautiful culture, and especially admired their weaving, embroidery, woodwork, and black smithing. While Lapsley left to visit another missionary, Sheppard learned the native language and hunting techniques. He

also helped the Congolese people avoid a famine by hunting thirty-six hippopotamuses. Sheppard became an outspoken critic of Leopold II's regime in the Congo. He investigated reports of violence and cruelty by the administration and the rubber companies that had set up shop there. The investigation became international news when he and another Presbyterian missionary were sued by the Kasai Rubber company for libel, they were later acquitted. Eventually, Sheppard led an all-African American missionary team, which included his wife, to the Congo. This was a first of its kind achievement and was supported by a Predominately white denomination. Sheppard was truly an African American trailblazer. Jacobs, Sylvia; ed, Black Americans and the missionary movement in Africa Westport,ct: Praeger Publishers, 1982

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 3-20-2025

(Q) Paul said that the strong in faith ought to bear the _____ of the weak instead of pleasing themselves.

(A) Infirmities- Romans 15:1

(Q) Every Christian should please his _____ for his good to edification.

(A) Neighbor - Roman 15:2

Thought to Remember

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

Questions for the week of 3-27-2025

Multiple Choice

(Q) Where did the contest between Elijah and the Prophets of Baal take place? (Shechem) (Bethel) (Mt. Carmel)

(Q) The Prophets of Baal and Elijah each were to offer a sacrifice on different alters, and the God who answered by (Rain) (Sleet) (Fire) would show himself to be the true God.

Today is a good day! Be grateful!

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS THE LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ABUNDANT CHURCH Samson, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m. ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m. BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.	COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Bookout, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m. ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Billy James, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. ELBA METHODIST CHURCH Nathan Elliott, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m. FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON CHURCH Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m. FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays Service... 7:00 p.m. GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m. HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m. HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	HOLY TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m. INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. INO BAPTIST CHURCH Danny Branch, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Chad Fuller, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Heath Fountain, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m. LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m. LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J.R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m. MT. GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m. MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olson Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Wed. Per Time... 5:30 p.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays OK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m. NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m. NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m. NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Allen Dienes, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m. THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m. TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH James Preachers, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m. VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m. VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Lucas Taylor, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dustin Wiscarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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